



Welcome to the May edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, current students in our Basic Amateur course, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

May Club Meeting - Tuesday night May 2nd, Stratford Town Center

Spring has well and truly arrived, and so has the month of May. Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7:00 P.M. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2023 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2022 and 2023 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we always enjoy an information exchange. At last month's meeting, Brent, VY2HF, gave a presentation on Software Defined Radios (SDRs) and their capabilities. This month, we'll be joined via Zoom by Thomas Witherspoon, K4SWL, from North Carolina. Thomas is also VY2SW, and is a frequent visitor to PEI. Thomas has a very popular [YouTube channel](#) that features remote and QRP operation. At our next month's meeting in June, instead of our usual information exchange, we'll be discussing and finalizing our plans for Summer Field Day, which is due to take place on June 24-25.

Spring 2023 Basic Course

The Spring 2023 Basic Course is coming to a successful end, and potential exam dates include Monday, May 8th, Thursday, May 11th, and Saturday morning, May 13th. Anyone who would like to improve their previous basic exam mark or would like to sit their advanced exam is welcome to attend those dates as well. Please advise Brent, VY2HF, if you would like to be

tested or re-tested. He will need time to print additional exams and get organized. We may run tests on one, two, or all three of the above dates depending on demand and availability.

Morse Code Practice Kits

The kits have arrived and many have been distributed already. Brent will bring the remaining kits to the club meeting. For those still yet to pay, the kits are \$9.25, all-in. We will be looking to schedule a kit building day in the coming weeks. More kits may be ordered if there is sufficient interest. We have already reached out to the Atlanta-area club for a forecast of any additional supply, should we want to get more of them.

Special Call Signs for the Coronation of King Charles III

With the coronation of King Charles III taking place on May 6th, ISED Canada has approved the use of special event prefixes from May 5th until July 2nd. These special call signs will be available to all Canadian Amateurs who wish to use them on all occasions including Field Day and the RAC Canada Day Contest. The special event prefix for PEI is CZ2. To use it, simply substitute VY2 for CZ2.

Meetings and Events Calendar - May

- 1: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW
- 2: Monthly club meeting
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Wednesday night 2M nets, 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s).
- 4, 11, 18, 25: Thursday night HF nets, on 3737 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000).
- 6, 13, 20, 27: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 6: [SMART 23 Symposium](#), Springhill NS, with a great lineup of classes:

7:00am - Organizers, Volunteers & Flea Market Tables	
8:00am - Doors Open	
8:45am - Opening Remarks	
9:00am - Classroom 1 / Restoring Classic Radios	Classroom 2 / Basic MAVCOM Linking
10:15am - Classroom 1 / Portable Ops "Parks on the Air & Lighthouses"	Classroom 2 / Remote Station Operation
11:30am - Classroom 1 / "FT8" Introduction & more	Classroom 2 / WSPR
12:30pm-2pm / Lunch + Flea Market	
2:00pm - Classroom 1 / WINLINK Introduction & Orientation	Classroom 2 / Try the 630m Band
3:15pm - Classroom 1 / WINLINK Gateway & Architecture	Classroom 2 / Magnetic Loop Antenna
4:30pm - Closing Remarks + Door & Grand Prizes	Click to edit text

- 13: weather permitting, our first Fox Hunt in Charlottetown, 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.
- 19-21: Annual [Dayton Hamvention](#), the largest Ham Radio event in the world!

Future Events

- 3 June: **Tentative** date for the Halifax ARC [DownEast Flea Market](#) (still to be confirmed)

6 June: Monthly CARC meeting, Stratford Town Center, featuring final Field Day preparation and planning

24-25 June: [ARRL Field Day](#). Stay tuned for the location(s) we'll be operating from. At the moment Victoria Park in Charlottetown is looking promising. Details to follow.

1 July: RAC Canada Day Contest 2023

11 September: Tentative date for the Fall 2023 CARC Basic Radio Course

23 September: Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club flea market, Lions Club, Coverdale Road, Riverview NB

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